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29. (Amended) The assembly of claim 11 wherein said inner wall component and said outer wall component are co-extruded.

31. (Amended) The assembly of claim 11 wherein said inner wall component is substantially free of inorganic filler.

Attached are sheets which show the claims as amended in marked up form.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

I. STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 5-17, 27, and 29-31 are currently pending. Claim 11 has been presented in independent form. Claims 5-10, 12, 27-29, and 31 have been amended to ensure that all claims now depend from claim 11. Claims 2-4, 25-26 and 28 have been cancelled, without prejudice. Applicant hereby expressly reserves the right to prosecute claims of the same or similar scope as the canceled claims in a continuation or divisional application. These claims have been cancelled exclusively for the purpose of facilitating prosecution of the present application, and the cancellation thereof is in no way a concession or acknowledgment as to the correctness of any of the Examiner's reasons for rejecting same.

II. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicants are grateful for the Examiner's acknowledgment that claim 11 defines allowable subject matter. Accordingly, applicants have rewritten claim 11 in independent form without changing the scope or language used therein.

Applicants respectfully submit that claim 30 as previously presented also defined allowable subject matter. More particularly, claim 30 depends from claim 11 and therefore incorporates all the limitations of claim 11. Applicants note that the Examiner had identified claim 30 as being rejected on the basis of obviousnesstype double patenting. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw this rejection and provide an indication that claim 30 is also allowable since this claim has always depended from an allowable claim.

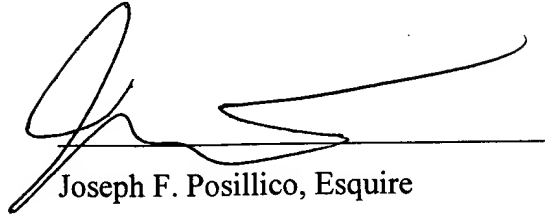
In addition, Applicants have amended the claims to ensure that all pending claims depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 11. Since claims 11, 5-10, 12-17, 27, 29, and 31 were not previously objectionable, and since they now depend from allowable claim 11, these claims are allowable for same reason that claim 11 is allowable.

CONCLUSION

Claims 11, 5-10, 12-17, 27 and 29-31 now define patentable subject matter, and an early Notice of Allowance with respect to these claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARKED UP VERSION OF CLAIM 11 AS AMENDED

11. [The] A motion transmitting cable assembly [of claim 4] comprising an abrasion resistant tubular article and a motion transmitting core moveably disposed within the tubular article, said tubular article comprising an inner wall component and an outer wall component, wherein said inner wall component comprises from about 60 to about 98 wt.% polytetrafluoroethylene and from about 2 to about 40 wt.% organic filler and wherein said outer wall component comprises polytetrafluoroethylene and an inorganic filler, wherein said inner wall component and outer wall component are bonded via a layer of polytetrafluoroethylene disposed therebetween.

5. (Amended) The assembly of claim [4] 11 wherein the inner wall comprises from about 75 to about 95 wt.% polytetrafluoroethylene and from about 2 to about 25 wt.% organic filler.

6. (Amended) The assembly of claim [4] 11 wherein the inner wall comprises from about 75 to about 95 wt.% polytetrafluoroethylene and from about 5 to about 25 wt.% organic filler.

7. (Amended) The assembly of claim [1] 11 wherein the inorganic filler is selected from the group consisting of carbon fibers, carbon powder, graphite, coke flour, amorphous glass, glass fibers, glass spheres, milled glass, bronze, iron powder, iron oxide, silicon dioxide, boric oxide, zirconium oxide, and molybdenum disulfide and combinations of two or more of these.

8. (Amended) The assembly of claim [4] 11 wherein the organic filler is selected from the group consisting of aromatic polyesters, thermoplastic or thermosetting polyamide, polyimide and polyamide imide resins, polyetherimides, polyether ketones, polyether ether ketones, polysulfones, polyether sulfones, polyphenylene sulfones, polyphenylene sulfides, polysulfide imides and combinations of two or more of these.

9. (Amended) The assembly of claim [1] 11 wherein the inner wall comprises from about 10 to about 25% of the total thickness of the tubular article.

10. (Amended) The assembly of claim [1] 11 wherein the inner wall comprises from about 10 to about 25% of the total thickness of the tubular article.

12. (Amended) The assembly of claim [1] 11 wherein the inner wall comprises from about 75 to about 90 wt.% polytetrafluoroethylene and from about 5 to about 25 wt.% organic filler and wherein the outer wall comprises from about 60 to about 90 wt.% polytetrafluoroethylene and from about 10 to about 40 wt.% inorganic filler.

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27. (Amended) The motion transmitting cable assembly of claim [1] 11 wherein said core comprises a stranded stainless steel wire.

28. (Amended) The motion transmitting cable assembly of claim [1] 11 wherein said tubular article has a frictional efficiency of at least 90% after completion of 500,000 test cycles as measured in accordance with General Motors Standard CMP-TF004.

29.(Amended) The assembly of claim [1] 11 wherein said inner wall component and said outer wall component are co-extruded.

31. (Amended) The assembly of claim [1] 11 wherein said inner wall component is substantially free of inorganic filler.